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NEWS RELEASES

FCC PROMOTES LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION. Adopts Rules on Unbundling of Network Elements - The Commission adopted rules that specify the portions of the nation's local telephone networks that incumbent local telephone companies must make available to competitors seeking to provide competitive local telephone service. Report No: CC-99-41. (FCC No. 99-238) CCB Contact: News Media Contact: Michael Balormis at (202) 418-0253, Common Carrier Bureau: Carol Matthey, Claudia Fox, Jake Jennings at (202) 418-1580. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9066.html

FCC ACTS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN ENHANCED WIRELESS 911 SERVICES. The FCC has revised its rules aimed at providing consumers with enhanced 911 emergency services when using wireless phones. Report No: WT-99-27. Dkt No.: CC-94-102. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: Dan Grosh and Mindy Littell at (202) 418-1310. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19040.doc

FCC LARGELY RETAINS SPECTRUM CAP, ENSURING THAT CONSUMERS CONTINUE TO SEE BENEFITS OF COMPETITION; RELAXES SPECTRUM CAP IN RURAL AREAS. The Commission largely retained the current 45 MHz spectrum cap in order to promote competition and protect consumers. Report No: WT-99-26. Dkt No.: WT-98-205, WT-96-59, GN-93-252. News Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick (202) 418-0654. WTB Contact: TTY: (202) 418-7233, email: mmcarr@fcc.gov, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: David Krech at (202) 418-7443, email: dkrech@fcc.gov, Pieter Van Leeuwen at (202) 418-1363, email: pietervl@fcc.gov, TTY: (202) 418-7233. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19041.html

The following items are dated for and released on September 16, 1999:

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DAN CONNORS TO JOIN WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU. WTB. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1999/nrw19043.doc

PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: 44572. Released: September 16, 1999. BROADCAST ACTION. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Actions/ac990916.txt

Report No: 24572. Released: September 16, 1999. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/Brdcst_Applications/ap990916.txt

Report No: 123. Released: September 16, 1999. INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE ACTIONS. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/ITFS_Notices/pnmm9192.html

Report No: CWS-99-66. Released: September 16, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS INFORMATION. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/pnw19233.wp

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TIME WARNER CABLE. Granted in part Operator's Petition for Reconsideration of DA-98-1150. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: September 14, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-1887). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991887.wp>

WBPH. Granted must-carry complaint filed by Sonshine Family Television, Inc. against Suburban Cable TV, operator of a cable television system serving Bedminster, Dublin, East Rockhill, Franconia, Green Lake, Hatfield Township, Hilltown, Lower Frederick, Lower Salford, Marlborough, Milford, Perkasio, Quakertown, Richland, Richlandtown, Salford, Silverdale, Soudertown, Telford, Trumbauersville, Upper Frederick, Upper Salford, and West Rockhill, Pennsylvania. Action by Chief, Consumer Protection and Competition Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: September 14, 1999. by MO&O. (DA No. 99-1877). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991877.wp>

ADELPHIA CABLE COMMUNICATIONS. Denied a complaint filed against the October 1, 1995 rate increase for the cable programming services tier in the Town of Jupiter, FL. Action by Acting Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: September 15, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-1885). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991885.wp>

TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT/ADVANCE-NEWHOUSE PARTNERSHIP, ET AL. V. FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, PA 98-002. Dismissed Application for Review of DA 99-1120 because it was not filed in a timely manner. Action by Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: September 14, 1999. by Order. (DA No. 99-1886). CSB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1999/da991886.wp>

ADDENDA: The following items, released September 15, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 177:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC SEEKS COMMENT ON INDUSTRY COALITION'S PROPOSAL FOR INTERSTATE ACCESS AND UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM. The Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on a proposal submitted by the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service (CALLS) on

July 29, 1999. Report No: CC-99-42. Dkt No.: CC-96-262, 94-1, CC-99-249, CC-96-45. CCB Contact: News Media Contact: Michael Balmoris at (202) 418-0253, Common Carrier Bureau: Janice Jamison at (202) 418-1520. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9068.wp

FCC GRANTS FOUR STATES AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO EASE TELEPHONE NUMBER DEPLETION. The Commission adopted four orders to help ease the cost and inconvenience associated with area code changes. By granting four states interim authority to engage in various telephone number conservation procedures, the FCC is empowering the State Commissions to take steps to make telephone numbering resource optimization and area code conservation more efficient. Report No: CC-99-43. CCB Contact: News Media Contact: Mike Balmoris at (202) 418-0253, Common Carrier Bureau: Jared Carlson or Tejal Mehta at (202) 418-2320, TTY: (202) 418-0484, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: John Spencer at (202) 418-1310. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/News_Releases/1999/nrcc9067.doc

FCC AUTHORIZES LOCKHEED MARTIN TO PURCHASE UP TO 49 PERCENT OF COMSAT. The Commission approved the first phase of Lockheed Martin's planned acquisition of Comsat Corporation. Report No: IB-99-29. Adopted: September 15, 1999. News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: Morgan Broman at (202) 418-0256, International Bureau Contacts: Peter Pappas at (202) 418-0746, Jim Ball at (202) 418-0427, Sasha Field at (202) 418-2064. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1999/nrin9029.html

COMMISSION INCREASES COMPETITION FOR OVERSEAS LONG DISTANCE SERVICE: ALLOWS DIRECT ACCESS TO USERS OF INTELSAT SATELLITE SERVICES FROM THE UNITED STATES. The Commission adopted a policy allowing United States users of International Telecommunications Satellite Organization ("INTELSAT") satellite services to have direct access to the INTELSAT system. This promotes competition in international satellite communications and strengthens the competitiveness of U.S. carriers and service providers in the global communications market. Report No: IN-99-28. Dkt No.: IB-98-192. News Media Contact: Rosemary Kimball (202) 418-0500. IB Contact: Morgan Broman at (202) 418-0256, International Bureau: Peter Pappas at (202) 418-0746, Jim Ball at (202) 418-0427, Doug Webbink at (202) 418-1494, Michael McCain at (202) 418-0774. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1999/nrin9028.html

PUBLIC NOTICES

Released: September 15, 1999. **COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S PETITION FOR DELEGATION OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT NUMBER OPTIMIZATION MEASURES IN THE 603 AREA CODE.** NSD File No. L-99-71 - Pleading Cycle Established, Comments Due: October 5, 1999, Reply Comments Due: October 15, 1999. (DA No. 99-1894). Contact: Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division: Jared Carlson at (202) 418-2320, jcarlson@fcc.gov, TTY: (202) 418-0484. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da991894.wp

Report No: 1433. Released: September 15, 1999. **CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE (CARS) APPLICATIONS RE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.** Contact: Cable Services Bureau: (202) 418-7000.

Report No: D-59-A. Released: September 15, 1999. **MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE APPLICATIONS.** Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/MDS_Notices/md990915.pdf

Report No: 143. Released: September 15, 1999. **INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED SERVICE APPLICATIONS/AMENDMENTS TENDERED FOR FILING.** Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/ITFS_Notices/pnmm9189.html

Report No: 59. Released: September 15, 1999. MASS MEDIA BUREAU MULTIPOINT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING. Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/MDS_Notices/md990915.pdf

Report No: 316. Released: September 15, 1999. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SITE-BY-SITE ACTION. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1999/pnw19231.pdf

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. Granted in part and denied in part the Florida Public Service Commission's Petition to Federal Communications Commission for Expedited Decision for Grant of Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures. Dkt No.: CC-96-98. Action by the Commission. Adopted: September 15, 1999. by Order. (FCC No. 99-249). CCB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/fcc99249.doc

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Granted in part and denied in part the California Department of Public Service Petition for Additional Delegated Authority Pertaining to Area Code Relief and NXX Code Conservation Measures. Dkt No.: CC-96-98. Action by the Commission. Adopted: September 15, 1999. by Order. (FCC No. 99-248). CCB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/fcc99248.doc

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE. Granted in part and denied in part the New York Department of Public Service Petition for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures. Dkt No.: CC-96-98. Action by the Commission. Adopted: September 15, 1999. by Order. (FCC No. 99-247). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/fcc99247.doc

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY. Granted in part and denied in part the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy's Petition for Waiver of Section 52.19 to Implement Various Area Code Conservation Methods in the 508, 617, 781, and 978 Area Codes. Dkt No.: CC-96-98. Action by the Commission. Adopted: September 15, 1999. by Order. (FCC No. 99-246). CCB Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Orders/1999/fcc99246.doc

ACCESS CHARGE REFORM/PRICE CAP PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS/LOW-VOLUME LONG DISTANCE USERS/FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE. Seeks comment on a proposal submitted by the Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Services (CALLS) to the Commission on July 29, 1999. Comments Due: October 29, 1999, Reply Comments Due: November 19, 1999. Dkt No.: CC-96-262, 94-1, CC-99-249, CC-96-45. Action by the Commission. Adopted: September 14, 1999. by NPRM. (FCC No. 99-235). CCB Internet URL:

https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Notices/1999/fcc99235.doc

LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION REGULUS, LLC AND COMSAT CORPORATION. Granted applications of Lockheed Martin Corporation, Regulus, LLC, and Comsat Corporation. By Memorandum, Order and Authorization. Action by the Commission. Adopted: September 15, 1999. by MO& Auth. (FCC No. 99-237). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1999/fcc99237.wp>

ADDENDA: The following items, released September 14, 1999, did not appear in Digest No. 176:

PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: CCB/CPD 99-28. Released: September 14, 1999. COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR LOW-VOLUME LONG-DISTANCE PROCEEDING. Comments Due: September 22, 1999, Reply Comments Due: October 20, 1999. (DA No. 99-1874). Contact: Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau: Neil Fried at (202) 418-1530. Internet URL: https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1999/da991874.wp

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MR. RICHARD HAEDER. Denied request for waiver of the short-form application submission deadline. Action by Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. by Letter. (DA No. 99-1854). WTB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Orders/1999/da991854.wp>